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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MM Docket No. 99-325

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Friends of Public Radio Arizona (FPRAZ) is a 501(c)(3) created to support public radio in metropolitan Phoenix and central Arizona. More specifically, we support the activities of KJZZ and KBAQ radio stations.

While we are pleased with the services provided by KJZZ and KBAQ, we recognized that there is a potential for reaching new audiences with non-commercial programming. These are currently identified as primarily minority audiences (Hispanic, black, and Native American). Additional beneficiaries could be identified in the future.

As a major market, metropolitan Phoenix is unable to add new stations due to the lack of available spectrum. The advent of HD radio, and the potential for creation of a supplemental audio channel could provide our stations with a unique opportunity to provide additional levels of public service. Therefore we encourage the FCC to provide such authorizations as are necessary to facilitate this option.

Sincerely,

Board Member

Friends of Public Radio Arizona

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